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BRITAIN'S CONSENT MUST BE BOUGHT.

For Our Control of the Nicaragua Canal She Will Demand Help in the East.

By James Creelman.

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LONDON.

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PANAMA CANAL CANNOT BE OURS.

President of the New Company So Informs the Journal.

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Paris, Dec. 24.—M. Roumard, the president of the new Panama Canal Company, said today, regarding the prospects of the Panama waterway as against the Nicaragua route:

"One or the other must be abandoned. The two will never pay. We are sure we can make our canal pay. The present position of the work is quite satisfactory. Quins is a lock canal and can be converted into a sea level canal while in actual use. Topographic difficulties render this impossible for the Nicaragua undertaking. We have plenty of money to proceed with the work."

"We certainly have no desire to sell our canal, nor could we sell it to any government if we would, because one provision of our concession is that no government shall own the canal."

"At the same time we wish the American Government and people to become acquainted with our work, in order that they may see there is no necessity to construct another canal. Of course, the Panama Canal will be commercial and neutral and open to ships of all nations."

"None of the people who belonged to the old Panama Company are connected with ours."

M. G. Molinari, probably the best authority in France upon the Panama Canal, and who has dedicated a book on the subject to Ferdinand de Lesseps, said today:

"If any concurrent enterprise is proceeded with by the United States, naturally the Panama scheme becomes more difficult. It may yet take five hundred million francs to complete the Panama route, and if a similar enterprise is started by the United States Government it will make the financing of the Panama concern more difficult. It would be much less expensive if America would undertake to finish the Panama Canal than dig the Nicaragua Canal. Frenchmen would not object if a friendly power like the United States would complete our canal. There are delicate questions of political responsibilities involved, but the Panama way can be pushed more economically by means of the lock system."

Speaks from the Wire.

A young man arrested in Tiffin, Ohio, last week as a mad man, is believed to be William Collier, who is charged with the murder of an entire family at Worcester, Mass. The Worcester authorities have been notified.

Wolcott Post, of Milwaukee, the largest Grand Army Post in Wisconsin, has informed the sentiment expressed by President McKinley on his recent trip South.

Three houses at Rockton, a suburb of Amsterdam, N. Y., were burned yesterday; loss \$12,000; fully insured.

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secure a hard and fast bargain with the McKinley Administration.

Professor Westlake, professor of international law at Cambridge University, says that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is as valid now as on the day it was made, and that if the United States is to secure the control of the Nicaragua Canal some great substantial prize must be offered to Great Britain. He asserts that the great Continental powers of Europe will object to the exclusive American control of the canal through which the commerce of the whole world must pass, and the powers will undoubtedly endeavor to prevent such a control. England will then be in a position to choose between the support of a coalition Europe and the advantages offered by America.

There is no peace in the immediate future, policy of Great Britain. She is getting ready to assert her power, and whatever the American Government binds itself to in the East will involve a participation in some form in an armed demonstration against Russia. The temper of Great Britain may be judged by what Lord Salisbury said this week to a gentleman who asked him to support the peace programme of the Congress.

"The Russian Emperor told the truth in his recent pointing out the damages of increasing armaments," said Salisbury. "But he has, I am sorry to say, discovered an incurable disease. I agree with his statements thoroughly and I would willingly aid in finding a solution, but there is no remedy. It is almost useless to try to avert what is inevitable."

These are the words of the responsible head of the British Government. The United States must sue for and buy his consent to the American control of the canal to be built as a military measure for the safety of the nation.

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Prince Edward of York, Future King of England.

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Yesterday's Preliminaries:

The children of Trinity Sunday school attended services at the old church and were presented with gifts from a Christmas tree.

Superintendent George Blair and Deputy Superintendent Frederick E. Bauer, of the Department of Outdoor Poor, were presented with handsome testimonials of esteem by their employees.

The Gory society children attended the annual Christmas festivities at the rooms of the society. A committee of six waits—three boys and three girls—had the affair in charge.

Three hundred inmates of the Colored Orphan Asylum, at One Hundred and Forty-third street and Amsterdam avenue, feasted royally on turkey and possum.

Attaches of Bellevue Hospital erected a large Christmas tree in Ward 31 and hundreds of presents for the hospital children were hung on it.

Deputy County Clerk George Fairbairn was presented with a handsome gold watch, chain and diamond locket by the clerks in his office.

Families of more than one hundred soldiers who are at the front were supplied with everything necessary for Christmas dinners, with chickens as the piece de resistance, by the Women's Patriotic Relief Association, at No. 711 Eighth avenue.

EVENTS FOR TO-DAY:

Special Christmas services in all churches.

Celebration at St. Mark's Hospital, in Second avenue, this afternoon.

Timothy D. Sullivan's dinner to the Bowery poor at No. 207 Bowery; morning.

New York Saengerbund celebration at Grand Central Opera House; evening.

Seventy-fifth anniversary of St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church; morning.

Musical exercises by children at Randall's Island House of Refuge; afternoon.

EVENTS FOR TO-MORROW:

Presentation of candy, toys and clothing to two thousand poor children of Brooklyn at the Amphion Theatre by the Brooklyn Christmas Tree Society; morning.

Brace Memorial Lodging House annual dinner to newsmen and bootblacks at No. 9 Duane street; evening.

Amateur skating races at Varuna Lake, Montclair; afternoon.

Cross-country run over Jerome course; afternoon.

"Big Six" minstrel entertainment, Lexington Opera House; evening.

Christmas celebration at Mariner's Temple, No. 1 Henry street; evening.

Festival at German Hospital and Dispensary, Park avenue and Seventy-second street; afternoon.

Dinner to poor in Tompkins Square Lodging House; evening.

Dinner and Christmas tree, with presents, at new, Chelsea to one hundred and fifty poor children at Lenox Lodge, by Mrs. Howard Gould; afternoon.

Dinner at Elizabeth Home for Girls, No. 307 East Twelfth street; evening.

Bicycle races at Madison Square Garden; evening.

Women's Republican Club's Christmas party for children, at No. 835 Ninth avenue; afternoon.

KILLED BY HIS NEPHEW.

Boston Police Think James Collins is a Victim of Violence.

Boston, Dec. 24.—James Collins was found dead in bed this morning, and a police investigation revealed the fact that he had had a fight with his nephew. The body was badly bruised and wounded.

Medical Examiner Draper gave the cause of death as alcoholism, but the police are searching for the nephew.

Wide World Cleanings

The oldest prelate in the Catholic Church is Cardinal Meriti, who is now in his ninety-fifth year, and so active and energetic that he bids fair to see the twentieth century ushered in.

A curious feat was recently performed by a Cossack in a menagerie at Moscow. He was directed to clean the cages of tame beasts and sponge the animals. By mistake he entered the cage of a savage tiger with a bucket of water, and coolly proceeded to wash the brute. The tiger liked the novel sensation and quietly submitted.

A Russian officer has been making experiments with very successful results in the use of falcons instead of pigeons as carriers. He finds they can fly much faster. A pigeon covers ten or twelve leagues in an hour while a falcon can do fifteen.

The habit of smoking cigarettes is spreading to an alarming degree among women in England.

A French watchmaker has made a microscopic repeating watch that weighs a little over sixty grains. He intends to exhibit it at the Paris World's Fair, after which it will be for sale for \$1,000.

There is trouble in the Dutch Navy. Despite a law recently enacted which prohibits commanders of vessels from consulting their subordinates to be present at divine worship on board ship, some of the commanders insist on all men attending the Sunday service.

A band of robbers, nine men strong, recently attacked and robbed thirty peasants on the border of Kufuin Province, in the Caucasus. They were followed by a detachment of Cossacks and mounted men as far as Adiana, where the brigands opened fire on their pursuers and retired into the forest.

No news has been received to date of the Belgian Antarctic expedition, which started under M. de Gerlache early this year. It is believed that the Belgians, with the members of the expedition, is at present blocked by ice on Graham's Island. Nothing may be heard from M. de Gerlache until next Spring.

An interesting lecture was given last month in the Metropolitan Hall, in Vienna, by Baron Alexander von Tschirnhausen, the great-grandson of the poet Schiller.

Old Guard to Celebrate.

The thirtieth anniversary of the reorganization of the Old Guard will be held at the armory, Broadway and Forty-ninth street, on the 30th inst. The occasion will be marked by the presentation of a full-length portrait in oil of the present popular commander, Major S. Ellis Briggs. A banquet will follow the presentation.

The annual lecture of the Old Guard will be held January 26 at the Metropolitan Opera House.

NEW LIFE IN CUBA UNDER GLORY.

Business Revives in War-Swept Province of Pinar del Rio.

WELCOME TO OUR TROOPS

General Davis and the 202d New York Received with Enthusiasm by the People.

PINAR DEL RIO.

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The reconstruction of this great tobacco-raising, sugar-growing province has begun. Absolute peace exists, and the people are at work.

When General Davis, his staff, a battalion of the Two Hundred and Second New York Regiment and a Signal Corps company reached the borders of the province in the journey by train from Havana they were received at Santiago de las Vegas by a colonel and 150 Cuban horsemen. A few yards behind them were 125 young Cuban women on horseback. Around and behind these

assemblies were gathered, shaggy-haired old men, women in black, troops of children with powers and small Cuban and American flags.

As General Davis and his staff appeared on the platform there was a passionate burst of cheering and much waving of flags.

The cheering was so prolonged and so genuine that the Americans were moved by it. The Colonel placed himself and his men at General Davis's disposal.

The Alcaldé of the town made an address. The General replied through an interpreter that the Cuban people had won liberty through great trials and sufferings, and that the Americans were there to aid in conserving that liberty.

The Americans then swept on through wide spaces of deserted country. From the train they could see occasionally the blackened walls and tall chimneys of a ruined sugar central, weed and shrub-grown fields, and at intervals colonnades of palms, marking the spots where houses once had been. At each of the towns the senior Cuban officer made known his allegiance to the American authorities.

Pinar del Rio City gave a reception as enthusiastic as that given at Santiago de las Vegas. The Cuban commander turned over the municipal and provincial buildings to General Davis with commendatory letters or by messenger with the important towns in the province. Not an incident of brigandage or injury to personal rights has been reported.

The people near Pinar have torn the wire from the trenches and enclosed yards, the fields with it. The principal storekeeper has painted advertisements on two of the forts. The town is well fed on chickens, fresh beef, fruit and vegetables. The country is exhausted, but the reinvigoration has begun. Palm huts are building on wasted farms. The country people are now living chiefly on radishes, sweet potatoes, sugar cane and chickens and quail shot or trapped in the thickets.

Pinar del Rio City has many empty houses. The population was 12,000, of which number 1,600 have been buried. The women are all in black.

SEVENTH SON HAS KAISER GODFATHER.

Following the Old German Custom, William II. Stands Sponsor for a Peasant's Boy.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Kaiser has just had an increase in the number of his god-children.

It is a custom in Germany that when there are seven sons in a family the Kaiser stands godfather to the seventh. The boy is generally educated at His Majesty's expense.

The latest case is a peasant named Gorra, in Loeschin, in West Prussia. The Emperor, in giving his consent to be godfather, asked the register of births of the parish to be sent to Berlin and he wrote in the book his name as godfather.

BRITONS PLAN A POLITICAL TRINITY.

Harcourt, Chamberlain and Balfour as Possible Allies.

WELCOME TO OUR TROOPS

Despite Mutual Parliamentary Attacks They Entertain Strong Likings for Each Other.

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Dec. 24.—Liberals profess to attach no political significance to the visit which Joseph Chamberlain has just made to Sir William Vernon-Harcourt at Malwood. On the other hand, some well-informed Unionist Liberals see in the incident the prelude to a possible alliance between the recently resigned leader of the Liberals, and the chief of the seceding Unionists.

The fact is not generally known that Harcourt and Chamberlain are on terms of intimate personal friendship. Despite the exchange of bitter words in parliamentary debates their friendship has never waned.

Chamberlain has secured at Harcourt for his department, comparing him to Dickens's Mr. Turveydrop; has invited him with incapacity for ready debate, and with being obliged to write his speeches; has attacked him for insincerity, but by it. The Colonel placed himself and his men at General Davis's disposal.

Harcourt has maintained a similar friendship with Arthur Balfour, who, unlike Chamberlain, has been always a strict observer of the amenities of public life. Balfour's recent tribute, referring to the high quality of Harcourt's public service, was spoken both as a friend and a courteous political opponent. Often after a parliamentary duel Harcourt waited for Balfour, whom he familiarly called Arthur, and they would walk off arm in arm, evidently the best of friends.

Liberals may be right in thinking that the harmony of relations between Harcourt, Chamberlain and Balfour would not hold their public careers, but that, holding many opinions in common, their political diversities may yet be reconciled.

BONES OF COLUMBUS REACH BERMUDA.

The Spanish War Ship Conde de Venaditi Is to Carry the Precious Relics to Spain.

Bermuda, Dec. 22.—The Spanish war ship Infanta Isabel and Conde de Venaditi, bound from Havana for Spain, arrived here on the 10th for coal and provisions and are detained in quarantine for observation. The Conde de Venaditi is said to have on board the remains of Christopher Columbus in transit for Spain.

GENERAL HENRY LOWERS THE BUDGET.

Porto Rico's Expenses Cut Down More Than Half—2,300,000 Pesos Saved.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Dec. 24.—General Guy V. Henry, the Military Governor of Porto Rico, reduces the budget for next year from 4,000,000 pesos, as under the Spanish regime, to 1,700,000 pesos.

He asks for authority to apply the Custom House revenue to the improvement of roads and the cleaning of cities.

Convicted of Murder at Advance.

Chillicothe, Dec. 24.—The jury in the Bert Williamson murder trial, after a night session, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. Williamson murdered John Mitchell, July 30, at Potts Hill at a platform dance. The penalty is imprisonment for life.



Judge James A. Blanchard, of General Sessions.

(Photograph by Anderson.)

THE new Judge of the Court of General Sessions who succeeds Judge Fitzgerald is an able lawyer of Republican principles. Some accuse him of being long in the silk stocking element. He was born in Jefferson County, this State, in 1845, and served in the war with the Second Wisconsin Cavalry. When the war was over he laid down his gun and took up his studies, graduating from Ripon College in 1871 with honors.

Judge Blanchard held the Columbia Law School in 1873 and at once began to practice. Now he is the head of the well known firm of Blanchard, Gay & Phelps. He has been president of the Republican Club and was one of those who organized the national convention of the Republican clubs in 1887. He was a member of the Committee of Thirty for the reorganization of the Republican party in this county and he belonged to the Committee of Seventy that worked to turn Tammany out of power in 1894.

In 1881 he married Miss Sallie McHenry, of New York. They have one child, a boy, Medbery Blanchard, who is fifteen years old and a pupil at Phillips Exeter Academy.

BANFFY TO FIGHT DUEL.

Hungarian Premier's Opponent Is Deputy Hoansky.

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Budapest, Dec. 24.—Opposition Deputy Hoansky having called Count Banffy at yesterday's sitting of Chambers an impostor, about a duel, it has been arranged.

Banffy's seconds are Ministers Perzel and Fejervary.

PERSONAL.

A POST-CAPUS MAGN'S FUTURE.—A young lady, looking for a husband, reveals name, date, place, business, etc., here and there. (Truth.)

ANY person saw lady thrown from Broadway car at 10th street, Dec. 23, 1893. Wednesday, November 2, about 11 A. M., person communicates with Captain Sober, 136 West 42d st.

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